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Application No. <b>08/897,351</b>	Applicant(s) <b>JANJIC et al.</b>
Examiner <b>Stephanie Zitomer</b>	Group Art Unit <b>1634</b>

The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

The amendment filed on May 4, 1999 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- entered.
- entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).
- disapproved. See explanation below.
- entered in part. See explanation below.

*The amendment and inventors' oath/declaration have been entered. The amendment to claim 2 changing "increasing" to --improving-- was originally intended for but inadvertently omitted from the Examiner's Amendment (paper 16, mailed March 31, 1999).*

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